

which says "Don't Deport My Daddy." She and the other nine American children are the reason we are here today. Sinead deserves the same opportunity to live in America and realize her dream as any other child. These people should not be deported.

NEWLY ASSUMED POLICE POWERS BRUCE BABBITT AND THE BU- REAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ALLEGE TO POSSESS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to discuss the newly assumed police powers Bruce Babbitt and the Bureau of Land Management allege to possess. Although the BLM claims these regulations are merely a recodification of the current regulations and do not result in the creation of new authority, this is simply not the case. The proposed law enforcement regulations are an attempt to vastly, and in most cases unlawfully, expand BLM's law enforcement authority.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees proper notice describing those actions which may subject its citizens to criminal punishment. However, in this case, BLM has criminalized thousands of minor violations of Federal, State, and local rules that previously were not criminal. The proposed regulations' vague references to any law or ordinance are not constitutionally sufficient, thus making the proposed regulations unlawful and, indeed, unconstitutional.

Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands of the Committee on Resources will bring BLM and the Department of the Interior before our committee and the American people to explain their new regulations, which have begun to put a stranglehold on the western part of this country. To that extent, we may never recover.

LET US FEED OUR CHILDREN AND EDUCATE THEM

(Mr. GREEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, last night the majority Republicans made a wise decision in including full funding for the WIC programs. They threatened originally to cut the President's \$76 million request for additional fiscal year 1997 funds in half, which would have forced 180,000 women, infants, and children to be kicked off of the nutrition program.

I join a lot of my colleagues today in breathing a sigh of relief now, although we hear that WIC has been replaced by education cuts.

Under their new proposals there are several red flags. Under this Republican proposal, 86,000 children will be

cut from Head Start, 360,000 fewer students would be eligible for Pell grants for college or job training, and nearly 500,000 fewer children would have teachers to help them with basic math and reading skills.

Congress has enacted a safeguard for our country's pregnant women and infants and children by not removing them from the WIC rolls. Now let us make sure they can also educate our children. Let us not only feed our children, but let us educate them.

CONDEMNING THE JUSTICE DE- PARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO DE- PORT IRISH-AMERICAN FAMILIES

(Mr. KING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the outrageous decision by the Justice Department to deport Irish nationals from this country. As my friend, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] has said, we are talking about 10 men and women who have lived in this country a number of years, who have never violated any laws of the United States, who are legally in the United States, who are married either to American citizens or foreign-born residents of this country.

The fact is these men are outstanding members of this community. They have raised their children who go to our schools, they have raised families, they have worked hard, they have contributed to this country. Yet, in a mean-spirited action, the Justice Department is moving to deport them. Their only crime is they were politically convicted in nonjury political courts in Britain years ago. They were political prisoners. They entered this country legally. Now, for no reason whatsoever, our Justice Department is moving to deport them.

The gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] and I had the opportunity to testify for one of these men, Brian Pearson. At his trial the judge found that he was entitled to status in this country, and refused to deport him. Yet the Justice Department has decided to appeal that decision, in direct violation of President Clinton's campaign pledge that there would be no more Joe Doherty's. This is another Joe Doherty. The decision is wrong, it is outrageous, and I condemn it.

CONGRESS SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT CHINA, THE NEXT MAJOR NA- TIONAL SECURITY THREAT

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, China violates American trade laws, China threatens to nuke their neighbors, China sells nuclear weapons to our enemies, China tries to influence American elections, and to boot, there is no

political freedom in China. There is no religious freedom in China. Let us not forget China is still a Communist dictatorship.

Mr. Speaker, if that is not enough to compromise your samurai, there is a group of Washington politicians who want to reward China with permanent, that is right, permanent most-favored-nation trade status. Beam me up.

I say there should be some permanent brain surgery for these permanent politicians performed by some permanent proctologist; permanent this, China. Congress had better take a look at the next major national security threat that is a dragon about ready to eat our assets.

A SALUTE TO CHRIS ALLEN, MAK- ING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

(Mr. WAMP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, how do you follow that?

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise today to commend and salute one man in Chattanooga, TN, who is making a huge difference in the life of children. His name is Chris Allen. He is a reporter with WDEF Channel 12 in Chattanooga, but he is being recognized this month by the President of the United States as one of 28 citationists of over 3,600 nominated from the Points of Light Foundation.

Chris, several years ago, was on a routine mission studying the inner city schools in Chattanooga and found that the library books were not on the shelves, that the materials were not in the classrooms, and he began an organization that has now helped over 11,000 children and raised over \$500,000 to help the inner city schools in Chattanooga, TN.

Chris Allen deserves this recognition. He deserves for the House of Representatives today to recognize him, which I do at this time. We commend you, Chris Allen. One man can make a difference.

URGING AN END TO DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS FOR SEVEN IRISH NATIONALS

(Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in support of the seven Irish nationals residing in the United States who are currently facing deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

While these individual cases and backgrounds may be different, they do share a number of important similarities. These seven Irishmen were convicted in British courts, with no juries. They have served their time and they are not wanted for any crime